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1. ROMANIAN PRESIDENT NICOLAE CEAUSESCU ARRIVED IN PEKING ON THE MORNING OF MAY 15 FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT. CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG AND VICE CHAIRMAN TENG HSIAO-PING, LI HSIEN-NIEN AND WANG TUNG-HSING GREETED CEAUSESCU AT THE AIRPORT. A MAY 15 PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL ON THE VISIT TERMS CEAUSESCU "A CLOSE FRIEND OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE" AND HAILS THE ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY FOR HAVING "FORMULATED ITS OWN INDEPENDENT GUIDELINES AND POLICIES...PUT UP FIRM RESISTANCE TO FOREIGN PRESSURE...(AND OPPOSED) FOREIGN HEGEMONISM AND GREAT POWER CHAUVINSIM." HUA WILL HOST A BANQUET FOR CEAUSESCU IN THE EVENING.

2. HUA KUO-FENG MET AND HOSTED A BANQUET FOR NEPALESE KING BIRENDRA, QUEEN AISHWARYA AND THEIR ENTOURAGE ON MAY 14. ALTHOUGH THE VISIT IS AN UNOFFICIAL STOPOVER ENROUTE TO JAPAN, THE CHINESE HAVE LAID ON THE USUAL PROGRAM FOR STATE VISITORS.
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TENG HSIAO-PING, WHO VISITED NEPAL LAST FEBRUARY, ATTENDED THE TALKS AND THE BANQUET.

3. BOTH CHINESE AND SOVIET SPOKESMEN CONTINUE TO DOWNPLAY THE USSURI RIVER BORDER INCIDENT. CHINESE MFA INFORMATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMEN, IN OFFICIAL REPLIES TO RESIDENT JOURNALISTS OVER THE WEEKEND, DECLARED "THE EXPLANATION GIVEN

IN THE SOVIET NOTE DOES NOT CONFORM WITH THE REALITY. WE ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH IT." NEVERTHELESS, THE STATEMENT CONTAINED NO DEMANDS AND LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE CHINESE CONSIDER THE MATTER CLOSED. IN MOSCOW, OFFICIAL AND SEMI-OFFICIAL SPOKESMEN ALSO MINIMIZED THE SKIRMISH, ACKNOWLEDGING SOVIET CULPABILITY AND ADMITTING INFORMALLY THAT SOME CHINESE MAY HAVE BEEN INJURED OWING TO "STUPIDITY" OF SOVIET COMMANDERS ON THE SCENE.

4. CHINESE MEDIA NOTED VICE PREMIER KU MU'S CALL ON SWISS PRESIDENT WILLY RITSCHARD, HIS TALKS WITH SWISS OFFICIALS, AND HIS ATTENDANCE AT A BANQUET IN HIS HONOR HOSTED BY THE SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL ON MAY 12.

5. THE NCNA DAILY ENGLISH-LANGUAGE SUMMARY OF THE FOREIGN PRESS (WHICH OFTEN REFLECTS THE CONTENT OF THE RESTRICTED CHINESE-LANGUAGE DAILY REFERENCE NEWS) FOR MAY 13 CONTAINS A UPI ITEM REPORTING FORMER SECRETARY KISSINGER'S AGREEMENT WITH US SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE CRITICISM OF STRATEGIC ASPECTS OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION POLICY. THE ITEM QUOTES KISSINGER AS DECLARING "I WOULD GENERALIZE AND SAY WE HAVE A NATIONAL TASK TO RECTIFY THE MILITARY BALANCE."

6. POLITBURO MEMBER/VICE PREMIER/PEKING MILITARY REGION COMMANDER CHEN HSI-LIEN MET ON MAY 14 WITH A YUGOSLAV DELEGATION IN PEKING TO CELEBRATE INAUGURATION OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PEKING/URUMCHI/BELGRADE/ZURICH AIR SERVICE. THE HIGH IMPORTANCE CURRENTLY ATTACHED BY THE PRC TO RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA WAS ALSO REFLECTED IN MAY 14 MEETINGS WITH OUTGOING YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR DRULOVIC BY PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN/VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN AND POLITBURO MEMBER/VICE PREMIER KENG PIAO.

7. A 17-MEMBER INDONESIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DELEGATION ARRIVED IN PEKING ON MAY 12 AND MET WITH MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE LI CHIANG ON MAY 13. THE DELEGATION IS HEADED BY GENERAL SUWOTO SUKENDAR, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER BUT MORE SIGNIFICANTLY A CLOSE ADVISER TO INDONESIAN PRESIDENT SUHARTO.

8. CHINESE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CHANG WEN-CHIN AND OTHERS WENT TO THE ITALIAN EMBASSY ON MAY 13 TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES ON "THE UNFORTUNATE DEATH" OF FORMER ITALIAN PREMIER ALDO MORO, ACCORDING TO NCNA. THIS FOLLOWED EARLIER NCNA COVERAGE OF THE MORO MURDER WHICH SEEMED TO ASSIGN SOME BLAME TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR REFUSING TO NEGOTIATE AND LAUNCHING A NATIONWIDE MANHUNT FOR MORO'S CAPTORS.

9. YANG CHI, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION FOR FRIENDSHIP WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES, GAVE A BANQUET ON MAY 12 IN HONOR OF A PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION "AL FATEH" VISITING DELEGATION. A MAY 14 NCNA CORRESPONDENT ARTICLE NOTES THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY ON MAY 15 "OF THE RESISTANCE LAUNCHED BY THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AGAINST ISRAELI AGGRESSION." THE ARTICLE (A LOW-LEVEL MEDIUM FOR MARKING THE ANNIVERSARY) COUNSELS ARAB UNITY, CASTIGATES "US IMPERIALISTS" FOR "OPENLY SUPPORTING ISRAEL'S AGGRESSIVE POLICY WITH MONEY AND WEAPONS," AND PORTRAYS THE US AND THE SOVIET UNION AS "WORKING IN COLLUSION IN AN ATTEMPT TO SACRIFICE THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE."
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